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Letter To The Editor

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The Editor
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AGENTS OF THE SOVIET UNION

A network of various kinds of leftist organizaitons has recently moved into action in support of unilateral disarmament of the U.S. The most important of those organizations is the organization Mobilization for Survival (M.F.S.). Many of those organizations were very active in the campaign to end the war in South Vietnam.

The Mobilization for Survival and other leftist organizations oppose the cruise missile, the B-1 bomber, the MX mobile strategic missile, the neutron bomb, other advanced weapons, nuclear plants and the defense spending of the U.S. in general. Those organizations also justify the immense arms buildup by the Soviet Union on the grounds that the Soviet Union is surrounded by hostile nations. In fact, Soviet Russia is surrounded by Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania and other Captive Nations in Eastern Europe. Although most of those countries concluded non-aggression pacts with the Soviet Union before World War II, they were occupied by the Russian troops.

The leaders of those leftist organizations, including Daniel Ellsberg and Benjamin Spock, believe that Americans are ignorant of those facts and so naive that they do not realize that the leaders of the Soviet Union respect only a strong military force. Many of those leaders are well-paid agents of the Soviet Union. Their end is to promote the take-over of the U.S. and the free world by the Soviet Union. Therefore, they should be treated as traitors, ostracized and excluded from decent society. Above all, all concerned persons should ask members of the Congress to strengthen the defense budget of the United States in order to secure our national survival.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Alexander V. Berkis

Cooperation Of Parents Sought In Promoting Regular School Attendance

Appomattox, Va.
March 11, 1978

Editor of **Times-Virginian**
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sir:

My County decal had been in my pocketbook for sometime, so today, being warm and sunny, I decided to put it on the car.

First, I got a pan of hot water and a sponge. After soaking the old decal and getting the windshield and all surroundings very wet, I saw that a razor blade was a must. Back in the house with muddy boots on, to hunt for a razor blade. None to be found except with sharp edges on both sides. Tried that and kept on trying for nearly an hour. Finally - tiny piece by tiny piece - it did come off. By then my fingers were almost bleeding; my back felt as if it were permanently bent in the wrong direction; the windshield looked as if a storm had hit it on the inside and little pieces - very sticky pieces - of the old decal were everywhere.

Now for the new one. Having forgotten from last year, that the plastic covering was in two pieces, I worked diligently to get my finger between the plastic and the decal. Finally it came off and there were the two pieces. It should have been easy but who was there to tell me that?

Then the gigantic job of easing it into a vertical position in just the right place. Ah! there it goes just to the right of the inspection sticker and exactly where the instructions said to put it. Is it a little to high? Maybe - but then the old one was so low that I could hardly get it off when scraping with the razor blade, so perhaps this is better.

Hurrah! No more of that until next year.

There must be a better way.

With sincere sympathy for all who are having this same problem, I am

Yours truly,
Verna F. Conner

Dear Parents,

Because of inclement weather, the school system had to close on twelve regular school days. These days will be made-up on Saturdays (March 11, 18 and April 1), spring vacation and at the end of the school session. The last day of the school session is June 9. (See revised school calendar in **Times-Virginian**)

Weather conditions have created added responsibilities for parents, students, and all school board employees. The maintenance department and custodians have worked hard to keep driveways and walks clear and free of ice. The transportation department has operated buses safely. Teachers and school administrators have given their concerted efforts to maintaining an effective instructional program. Parents and students have been most cooperative and helpful.

Weather conditions and sickness have resulted in a very low student attendance rate during these winter months. With improved weather condition and less sickness, it is anticipated that attendance will improve. Parents are requested to have their children attend school regularly, including the two Saturdays scheduled on March 18 and April 1. Your child is the one who gains from being in school. It is the responsibility of parents & the school system to work together to achieve satisfactory school attendance.

Appreciation is expressed to school board employees, parents and students for the exceptional cooperation and assistance given during the unusual weather conditions. It is the cooperation and support of parents and their desire for an outstanding program of education in this county that has made possible the progress of the system.

Sincerely yours,
Lloyd G. Walton
Division Superintendent

H. A. Paulette
Supervisor of Transportation

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INTERIOR DESIGN COURSE BEING OFFERED AT ACHS

The Home Economics Department at ACHS is sponsoring a course in Interior Decoration for interested adults in Appomattox County. The class met in February and planned topics to study for the next five meetings. Interest was shown to study color schemes, furniture styles and arrangement, floor and wall materials, window treatments, lighting and accessories. Cost for the course is $5.00. Anyone interested in learning more about interior decorating can meet at ACHS in the Home Economics Department on Thursday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m.

PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	1.34
This Month	1.84
This Year	8.18

The Pastor Speaks

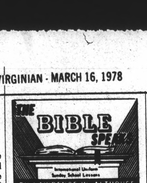
Last week we looked at the Pharisee in Luke 18:9-14 and we discovered that although he was a fine, upstanding moral man, his prayer was not really a prayer at all. It was a brag list. His was the way not to pray. On the other hand, the tax collector, publican, traitor knew how to pray. Weighted down with a tremendous awareness of his guilt, his sin, he blurted out probably the most effective pray in history, "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" Here was a man who had nowhere to go and nothing to present. He had been judging himself, not in comparison with his fellows nor with some standard of conduct. He looked with his heart - eyes upward toward God, Holy, majestic, and saw that he fell, far, too far, short. He further saw that it would be only the merciful action of that Holy God which could help him. He didn't qualify his plea, with promises to change, on demonstrations of his reformed character. He said in effect, "Lord, I have nothing to lean on but you."

And if we, in our pride, can recognize the truth, we discover that that too is all we have. But, Priase God, that is more than enough!

True prayer is basically the recognition that in every area of life, personal, public or whatever, we acknowledge that God is adequate to meet all our needs, in a way that is best for us.

At first glance this would tend to sharply limit prayer. But not really. You can still confess interceed, petition and so on, but the quality of your prayer should, in the light of the above, be thankful, praisefilled prayer. More next week.

Peter R. Hale.
Walker's Presbyterian Church
Appomattox C.H. Presbyterian Church



THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF FARMVILLE will sponsor the Country Gentlemen at the Farmville Firmen's Sports Arena on Thursday, March 23rd. Tickets are on sale at Cumbey Jewelers, Crute's, Rochette's Florist, any Exchange Club member or by sending check or money order to the Exchange Club of Farmville, P. O. Box 685, Farmville, Virginia 23901. Tickets for adults are $4.00, $3.50 for advance tickets; children, age 6 - 12, $2.00 at door or in advance and children under 6 are admitted free.

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Devotional Reading: Acts 3:18-26.

Rev. Althouse

Despite the fact that I had attended Sunday school as a child—or maybe because of it—when I reached my early teens I drifted away from the church. As a maturing eighth-grader I was too busy with other pursuits, including the pursuit of a beautiful eighth-grade girl who had recently moved to our junior high. It wasn't long until we were going steady.

As I walked her home after school each day she would frequently mention the youth group of her church. From what she said, it was the most interesting group of youth I could imagine. Still, I was resistant, but since it was an extra opportunity to be with her, I consented to go along one Sunday evening.

Something more

From then on I was "hooked." Although the girl and I soon had a parting of the ways, I continued to attend the Sunday night fellowship meetings, as well as the frequent additional activities. Initially, I went because I liked the people in the group. In time, however, I found something even more important: a faith.

It had been an interesting string of circumstances: to be with a girl I had attended in a meeting; because the meeting was fun I joined a group; because I joined the group I found a faith. I got a great deal more than I was looking for.

Often, that's the way it has been with people's spiritual experiences. They have asked for one thing that seemed important and received considerably more than they asked for. This is what happened that day when Peter and John were going up to the temple for prayer and came upon a crippled man lying at the Beautiful Gate. As was his custom, he asked for alms—a handout (after all, what else was there for a man who was lame from birth?). Unlike many who went up to the temple, these two men stopped and looked at him.

Expecting to receive

Luke tells us that "he fixed his attention upon them, expecting to receive something from them." And he was right, for they would give him something, in fact, more than what he asked for. "I have no silver and gold," said Peter, "but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk" (Acts 3:6). Immediately the man received what had been denied him since birth: he could walk. In fact, he could run and leap—and he did, praising God!

What happened with that man at the Beautiful Gate is still happening today: we ask for something that seems important, but God responds by giving us something far better. We may come to him with the wrong motives and desires, but if we are receptive, if we expect to receive something, we will and far beyond our expectations.

An old proverb says, "He who goes off hunting ivory usually finds there's an elephant attached." So we may look for happiness and find it only when we recognize that there's a God attached!

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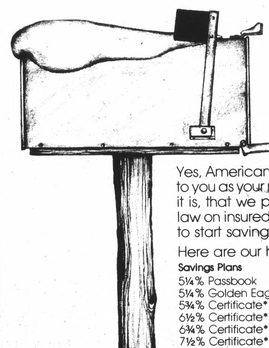

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Appomattox County Library

Girl Scout Troop 322 is shown working on display for Girl Scout Week.

Display for Girl Scout Week is shown in photo above, you can see it as American Federal Savings & Loan Association.

Pictured above (back row, left to right) are Avis Knight of Brownie Troop 308; Lisa Reed, Joanne Wooding, Jan Armentrout, and Kathy Robertson; and on front row, left to right, are Sandy Walton, Kelly Paulette, Tracey Trent, and Valarie Garrett of Girl Scout Troop 322. Not shown is photo, are Ellen Armentrout and Deborah Knight, scout leaders.

NATIONAL GIRL SCOUT WEEK BEING CELEBRATED

Sunday, March 12, 1978, began National Girl Scout Week which will run until March 18th. On March 12, 1912, Juliet Low introduced Girl Scouting to the United States.

In honor of the 66th birthday of the Girl Scouts, Troop 322 of Appomattox assembled a colorful and interesting display, available to the public in the lobby of American Federal Savings and Loan Association, Triangle Plaza. Much effort and time went into this display. So you won't want to miss this opportunity to see it. Stop by American Federal.

By Mary Jane Hoffman

The Friends of the Library will meet March 20, at 7:30 p. . at the home of Bob amerson on Walton Drive.

The Go and See Tour has been re-scheduled for March 29 meeting at 10 a.m. at the Appomattox Elementary School and continuing as originally planned.

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If you would like to know what Olefin is made of and how it differs from Orlon you can find out in **The Complete Basic Book of Home Decorating** edited by William E. Hague. This is a well-illustrated and complete guide on all phases of home decorating dealing with the basics of color, pattern, lighting, styles, room planning, purchase and care of furniture, floor coverings and includes a valuable **fabric dictionary** where you will find the answer to the above question. It contains decorating ideas for every room in the home, the apartment, vacation home - even storage ideas for mobile homes. Thinking of adding some spring to your environment in this wintry weather we're having? This book will help you with its listing of suitable plants for locations, fragrance, those which grow in water, those easy to grow, to hang, big foliage, colored foliage and vines.

OAKVILLE

Cindy Harris, R. L. Harris, and Kathy Marshall had an enjoyable evening Saturday on the ski slopes of Wintergreen.

Cindy Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harris has returned to Mary Washingt on College after spending a week of spring break with her parents.

Miss Kathy Marshall has returned to James Madison University after having spent a week of spring break with her parents Mr. and Mr. Jimmy Marshall.

Doug Marshall, a student at Lynchburg College has returned home from Charleston, S. C. afte a week of golf tournament with the Lynchburg College golf team.

Mrs. Bobby Clowdis, of Red House, was a luncheon guest of Mrs. Jimmy Marshall on Monday.

TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Springfield Jr. Choir of Appomattox County, Virginia will celebrate its 8th. anniversary March 19, 1978 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. O. C. Sandidge of Lynchburg and The Sensational Clouds of Joy will be the guest for the occasion.

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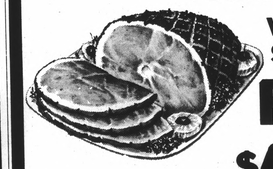

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